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1. The Russians established the Central Administrations not only for their obvious functions but also for the reasons given below.
2. It is possible that, contrary to Russian expectations, political developments in Germany might take an anti-Russian turn. In that event the Central Administrations would form a "Gegenpol" to a democratic parliamentary regime, since the Lander would be subordinated to them.
3. The Central Administrations would logically develop into the central German government, and for this reason the Russians give them their full support at all costs, for they present far-reaching scope as an instrument of Russian policy. Also their creation gives the Russians the opportunity of studying practically how best to tackle the problems which will arise eventually when a central German government is created.
4. At the same time, the Central Administrations are an important organ in the eyes of the Russians for the general supervision of German life as a whole. They are intended to become the focal point of an information service on general lines for the benefit of the Russians. Each department of the Central Administrations has its own sources, examples of which in the Central Administrations for Education are the Verlag Volk und Wissen and the Referat which deals with student questions in the Western Zones. The Central Administration for Education is already designated as the future Ministry of Education for Germany.

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